

The Coronado Theatre was built in 1927, and over the years it has hosted many legendary performers including Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Louis Armstrong, and more recently, Jerry Seinfeld.

Between 1999 and 2001 the theater underwent an \$18.5 million renovation, thanks to the support of the community, the City of Rockford, and Friends of the Coronado, a non-profit dedicated to ensuring the theater will continue to be a community asset for all to use and share. The renovation preserved the theater's history while making much-needed improvements to ensure future generations would be able to enjoy all the theater has to offer. The Coronado Theatre's staff, Friends of the Coronado, and the entire Rockford community should be truly proud of this milestone birthday.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to congratulate Coronado Theatre on this momentous birthday, and wish them much success over their next 90 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THURGOOD MARSHALL

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation to commemorate the extraordinary life of Thurgood Marshall and declare October 2, 2017 to be Thurgood Marshall Day in California's 44th Congressional District:

Whereas in 1940 while an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Thurgood Marshall won the case of *The State of Connecticut v. Joseph Spell*, which helped lay the groundwork for the Civil Rights Movement to come; and

Whereas Thurgood Marshall was the Chief Counsel in the case of *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, the landmark Supreme Court decision that declared state laws establishing segregated public schools to be unconstitutional; and

Whereas the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, on October 2, 1967, became the first African-American appointed to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States of America; and

Whereas date of October 2, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of this historic achievement; and

Whereas the legacy of Thurgood Marshall continues to serve as an example and inspiration to both individuals and groups that continue to fight for justice and equality for all throughout the United States of America: and Now therefore

I declare and hereby recognize October 2, 2017 to be Thurgood Marshall Day in the 44th Congressional District of California.

IN TRIBUTE TO COLONEL CHRISTOPHER J. BARRON

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Colonel Christopher J. Barron

upon his retirement from the Army Corps of Engineers.

For 27 years, Colonel Barron had dedicated himself to serving our nation with the Army Corps of Engineers. Colonel Barron, a native of Goshen, New York, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1991. His overseas deployments include combat, reconstruction, and peacekeeping missions in Somalia, Haiti, Macedonia, Bosnia, and Iraq. In his last assignment, Colonel Barron served as District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in New England from July 31, 2014 to July 19, 2017. Prior to this post, Colonel Barron served as the U.S. Army War College's Visiting Defense Fellow at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada.

While serving as District Commander of the New England District, Colonel Barron had many accomplishments including dredging projects, navigation improvement, flood risk management, and environmental restoration. It was an honor to work with him on a wide array of dredging projects in my district and across the Connecticut coastline, and I will certainly miss his knowledge and passion for water resource programs in our area. He was always accessible and open to input from my office which I greatly appreciated.

Please join me in congratulating my friend, Colonel Barron, on an impressive career of service with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and wishing him a wonderful retirement.

IN HONOR OF PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM'S 500TH WIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 500th win of the Piedmont High School Football Team in Piedmont, Alabama.

On December 1, 2016, Piedmont High School won the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 3A football state title for the second year in a row. The team's very first win was over Cave Spring High School in October of 1924 under Coach J.O. Ogle.

Piedmont High School's football team has had two All-American players, over 100 All-State players and 215 All-County players with six alumni players who have been inducted into the Calhoun County Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Coach Steve Smith, the football team, Piedmont City Schools and all their loyal fans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 500th win by the Piedmont High School Football Team. Go Bulldogs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CARTHAGE LODGE 197

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Carthage Lodge 197 on its 150th

birthday. On the 7th of October, members of this Freemason lodge will gather to celebrate this landmark occasion.

The first organized Grand Lodge met in 1717 in England. Freemasonry has promoted a strong sense of pride, family values and intellectual development in its members over the centuries. Furthermore, Freemasonry has deep roots in the United States, with George Washington himself being initiated into Freemasonry in the year of 1752.

Freemasonry has been part of Missouri and the city of Carthage for generations. The Grand Lodge of Missouri chartered a lodge in Carthage, Missouri in 1849. In 1861 this lodge was destroyed, but no one is exactly sure how this lodge was destroyed. Most likely it was destroyed in the Battle of Carthage during the Civil War. In 1867, former members of the previous lodge and other Freemasons gathered to organize for the chartering of a new lodge to be located in the city. The current Carthage Lodge 197 was granted its charter on October 19, 1867. Members of the lodge meet in this location to this very day.

I am honored to recognize the 150 years of the Carthage Lodge 197 in southwest Missouri. This is truly a historical achievement. On behalf of Missouri's 7th Congressional District, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of Carthage Lodge 197 on its 150th birthday.

HONORING MR. GORDON KLASNA ON BEING SELECTED MONTANA'S PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gordon Klasna on his recent selection as the Montana Principal of the Year by the Montana Association of Secondary School Principals.

Mr. Klasna has been principal of Lockwood's Eileen Johnson Middle School since 2011. Founded in 1954, it provides an education to over 1,250 students. Mr. Klasna is passionate about educating Montana's students and is a positive influence on his students. He is renowned as a hard worker who dedicates much of his time to his vocation. Mr. Klasna is a strong advocate for his school, serving on the School District 2 High School Trustee Board representing Lockwood.

Teachers and students at Eileen Johnson Middle School describe Mr. Klasna as a gracious, polite public servant who demonstrates his passion to help students every day. During his tenure as principal, Mr. Klasna has encouraged the growth of special elective courses to include robotics and journalism.

I wish Mr. Klasna the very best as he works to continue the pattern of excellence at Eileen Johnson Middle School. He is a great example of an educator going the extra mile to help our children succeed. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Gordon Klasna on his outstanding achievement.